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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington DC 20554

Attn: Anita Cheng, Assistant Chief  
Telecommunications Access Policy Division  
Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Saipancell  
Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications  
Carrier on the Island of Saipan in Commonwealth of the  
Northern Mariana Islands  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

We write on behalf of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Saipancell ("Saipancell") in connection with the above-referenced Petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC"), filed on February 19, 2002, and amended on April 15, 2002 ("Petition").

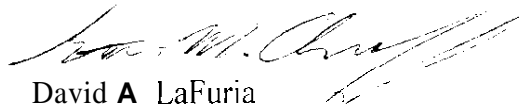
By this letter, Saipancell requests that the Commission hold the Petition in abeyance pending the resolution of certain technical and operational matters pertinent to the company's request for ETC status. Upon the resolution of these outstanding matters, Saipancell will immediately notify the Commission and request that its Petition be returned to active status.

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Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Chernoff", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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